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RE:	U.S. Application Serial No. 09/747,667	RECIPIENT'S REF. NO.:	AM-5256-2

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Notes/Comments:

Dear Examiner Ahmed:

In response to the Office Communication mailed February 25, 2003, we are resubmitting applicants' Amendment "A" which was originally submitted on December 11, 2002, in response to the Office Action mailed September 11, 2002. Following this cover sheet are copies of the following documents:

1. Transmittal letter for Response to Office Communication mailed February 25, 2003;
2. Transmittal letter for Amendment "A";
3. Amendment "A"; and
4. Terminal Disclaimer under 37 CFR § 1.321(c).

These documents are exact copies of the documents which we have in our file, which we believe to be exact copies of the documents which were originally submitted to the PTO on December 11, 2002.

We are not resending the formal drawings which were submitted with the Amendment "A" filed December 11, 2002.

We apologize for any confusion and appreciate your help with this matter. Please call me at (650) 473-9700 if you have any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley L. Church
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 Reg. No. 31,858

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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Jeng H. Hwang et al.

SERIAL NO.: 09/747,667

FILED: December 22, 2000

FOR: PLASMA HEATING OF A SUBSTRATE WITH
SUBSEQUENT HIGH TEMPERATURE ETCHING

§ GROUP ART UNIT: 1765

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§ EXAMINER: S. Ahmed

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§ Attorney Docket No.:
§ AM-5256

Date: March 19, 2003

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE COMMUNICATION
TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

Hon. Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

This Response is to the Office Communication mailed February 25, 2003, having a shortened statutory period for response of March 25, 2003.

Applicants do not believe that any fee is due in connection with the filing of this Response. However, if a fee is due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any such fee to Deposit Account No. 05-1512 of Shirley L. Church, Sunnyvale, California.

CERTIFICATE OF TRANSMISSION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.10

I hereby certify that this paper and any additional correspondence referred to as included with this paper are being facsimile transmitted to the Patent and Trademark Office, Fax No. (703) 872-9310, to the attention of Examiner Shamim Ahmed on March 19, 2003.

Date: March 19, 2003


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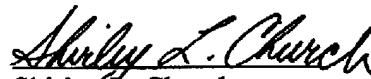
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The Office Communication mailed February 25, 2003, states that applicants' reply filed on December 11, 2002, is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because the amendment contains a paragraph including corrections with red ink without any initial.

In response to the Office Communication, we are resubmitting applicants' Amendment "A", which was originally submitted on December 11, 2002, in response to the Office Action mailed September 11, 2002. This Amendment "A" bears no red ink markings, and we are puzzled about the red markings on the PTO's file copy of Amendment "A". Also transmitted herewith are copies of the transmittal letter and Terminal Disclaimer under 37 CFR § 1.321(c) which were previously submitted with Amendment "A". These documents are exact copies of the documents which we have in our file, which we believe to be exact copies of the documents which were originally submitted to the PTO on December 11, 2002.

Applicants believe that all presently pending claims are in condition for allowance, and the Examiner is respectfully requested to enter applicants' Amendment "A" and to pass the application to allowance. The Examiner is invited to contact applicants' attorney with any questions or suggestions, at the telephone number provided below.

Respectfully Submitted,


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**AMENDMENT "A" UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111,
TERMINAL DISCLAIMER UNDER 37 CFR § 1.321(c),
AND FORMAL DRAWINGS
TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

Hon. Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is applicants' Amendment "A" in response to the Office Action mailed September 11, 2002, having a shortened statutory period for response of December 11, 2002. Also enclosed herewith is a Terminal Disclaimer under 37 CFR § 1.321(c).

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 CFR § 1.10

I hereby certify that this paper is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service on the date shown below with sufficient postage as U.S. EXPRESS MAIL NO. EU721509950US in an envelope addressed to the: Commissioner for Patents, Box Amendment (With Fee), Washington, DC 20231.

Date: December 11, 2002

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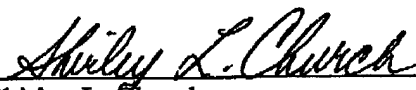
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INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	4	minus	4	=	0	x \$84.00	\$00.00
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS			0			\$280.00	\$00.00
TERMINAL DISCLAIMER FEE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.20(d)							\$110.00
						TOTAL FEE DUE	\$110.00

Also transmitted herewith are six (6) sheets of formal drawings to replace the originally filed informal drawings.

Check No. _____ in the amount of \$ 110.00, in payment of the Terminal Disclaimer fee under 37 CFR § 1.20(d), accompanies this Amendment "A". It is believed that this is the total amount due for filing of this Amendment "A" and Terminal Disclaimer. However, in the event that an additional fee is due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the amount of such fee, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1512 of Shirley L. Church, Sunnyvale, California.

This transmittal letter is submitted in duplicate for accounting purposes.

Respectfully submitted,


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